

This is the dumbest idea ever. I would expect it to violate at least the first and fifth amendments of the Constitution. Most stations are network affiliates or run syndicated programs that are already recorded, commercials are already recorded, so that leaves only local live programs. So why a 24/7 requirement for 2% of programming? Do you guys actually think about this stuff before you toss it out for comment?

Lets face it, this is all about 5 seconds of Janet Jackson. Lets also agree that CBS/Viacom is about as stupid an organization as there is when it comes to self promotion of its talent, CD's, inside a owned program. The lyrics should have been a tip off. Was CBS "brilliant for keeping the money in house or just stupid and greedy for not realizing that MTV/Jackson would not be G rated fare?

There is worse on "reality TV" daily, and cable goes way beyond a 5 second distance shot with extreme closeups. Let's get realistic. There are already rules about profanity and obscenity, enough is enough. Stations that already are concerned about controversial programs already keep a record. We don't need another big brother rule for self incrimination.

Regards,

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